



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Minoru YAMADA et al.

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For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD

Group Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: M. Battaglia

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 18, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the specification; and

Remarks.

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